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## MANILA MASSACRES

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### Soekarno Hears The "Riot Act"

BATAVIA, NOV. 1. BRITISH WARSHIPS AND AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED RUSHING TOWARD WAR-TORN SOERABAYA TONIGHT IN THE WAKE OF THE MURDER OF BRIGADIER A. W. F. MALLABY AS NEW FIGHTING BROKE OUT AT MAGELANG IN CENTRAL JAVA. THE DUTCH NEWS AGENCY "ANETA" SAID THAT ALL WARSHIPS IN THE VICINITY HAD BEEN ORDERED TO SOERABAYA AND THAT PLANES WERE BEING SENT TO THE AREA TO EVACUATE EUROPEAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

### Churchill Rumour

LONDON, NOV. 1. Persistent rumours that former Prime Minister Churchill is planning to retire from the House of Commons and accept a Peerage which would qualify him for the House of Lords were denied by the Conservative Party.

### BYRNES' MESSAGE TO RUSSIA

NEW YORK, NOV. 1. SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES DECLARED TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS "FULLY AWARE" OF RUSSIA'S "SPECIAL SECURITY INTERESTS" IN COUNTRIES OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE AND WILL NEVER JOIN IN INTRIGUES AGAINST THEM.

At the same time he expressed confidence that Russia would keep hands off the Americas.

Byrnes implied American favour for a Monroe doctrine arrangement under Soviet leadership in eastern and central Europe, but spoke strongly against any forceful imposition of the Soviet system on any country.

Byrnes, addressing the New York "Herald-Tribune" forum, called for complete integration of regional systems into a worldwide system of United Nations, and added that in this atomic age "there must be one world for all of us or there will be no world for any of us."

Much of his speech was devoted to an expression of friendship for Russia.

Byrnes said the United States could not deny to Russia the right to develop regional spheres on the basis of the western hemisphere's Monroe doctrine.

"Far from opposing, we have sympathized with the effort of the Soviet Union to draw closer and more friendly association with her central and eastern European neighbours," the Secretary of State said.

"We can appreciate the determination of the Soviet Union that never again will they tolerate the pursuit of policies in those countries deliberately dictated against the Soviet Union's security and way of life."

"American never will join any group of countries in a hostile intention against the Soviet Union. Likewise, I am certain the Soviet Union would not join in any hostile group against us in this hemisphere."

Associated Press.

CHUNGKING, NOV. 1. An official despatch from Chungking, capital of Manchuria, says that the Soviet and Chinese military authorities have agreed on arrangements for the landing of Chinese Government troops in Manchuria.

### New Liners For P. and O.

LONDON, NOV. 1. Two ocean liners costing \$8,000,000 each were ordered today from Vickers, Armstrong, Ltd., by P. and O. company said Orient company. The 20,000-ton vessels will be the largest and fastest in each company's fleet, with 23-knot top speed. Construction is expected to take two years.

### MIKADO'S WEALTH FOR REPARATIONS

NEW YORK, NOV. 1. THE BULK OF EMPEROR MIKADO'S PERSONAL ESTATE ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN \$100,000,000—WILL BE USED IN THE PAYMENT OF JAPANESE REPARATIONS OBLIGATIONS.

Edwin W. Pauley, American representative of the Allied Reparations Commission, made this clear after a conference with President Truman.

Pauley expects to leave later this week for Japan with an American group to investigate the amount and character of the reparations to be exacted.

Pauley said that upon his return he would take up with the Far Eastern Advisory Committee the question of dividing reparations among the claimant powers.

Replying to a question by a newspaper, Pauley said that the Emperor's personal fortune will be part of the pool of Japanese assets from which the reparations will be taken.

He added that no distinction could be made between the Emperor and the Japanese government on the matter of reparations.

Part of the American reparations group, headed by H. D. Maxwell, of Tacoma, will leave tomorrow for Japan.

Associated Press.

### "SCENE" IN BELFAST

BELFAST, NOV. 1. TWO MEMBERS CAME TO GRIPS DURING A DISPUTE IN THE ULSTER HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY.

They were Mr. R. H. H. Midgley, Commonwealth Labour, and Mr. J. Beattie, Independent Labour.

Beattie had just left the Chair after the Committee stage of a bill.

After the Speaker of the House had taken the Chair, Mr. Beattie raised a point of order as to the Speaker's right to allow the question to be withdrawn.

Mr. Midgley told Mr. Beattie to "go and sit down." When he made use of another remark, there was an encounter in which the two members were separated by Mr. Harry Diamond, Socialist Republican, who held them apart.

The Speaker then called upon Mr. Midgley to retire, and he left the House.

Reuter.

609 M.P.H. IN TESTS.

Herne Bay, Nov. 1. Dense fog shrouding the air speed record course here today has forced postponement of the final test flight, which is now planned for tomorrow.

The Gloster Meteor jet planes which are to make the attack on the world record have already reached speeds up to 600 miles per hour on practice runs. It was announced today.

Reuter.

PERSIAN OIL

Teheran, Nov. 1. The British Embassy said today that negotiations were proceeding with the Persian Government for handing over security of oil fields to the Persian forces.

A communique from the Embassy said that by the end of November only a few detachments of British troops would remain in Persia.

Reuter.

Washington, Nov. 1. In reply to a question by a newsmen President Truman said that the Administration favoured the quickest possible transfer of the Government of Japan from a military to a civil status.

Associated Press.

### COMMUNISTS RENEW CHARGES

CHUNGKING, NOV. 1. A COMMUNIST STATEMENT ISSUED AT YENAN CHARGED GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK WITH PLOTTING A CIVIL WAR AND MOVING TROOPS FOR THIS PURPOSE AT THE VERY TIME WHEN THE COMMUNIST LEADER, MAO TSE-TUNG WAS IN CHUNGKING DISCUSSING WAYS AND MEANS OF AVERTING AN INTERNECINE STRIFE AND UNIFYING CHINA.

THE STATEMENT SAID THAT AS TALKS PROCEEDED, CHIANG KAI-SHEK MASSED EIGHT CRACK ARMIES AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS IN NORTH HONAN AND ALONG THE PEIPING-HANKOW RAILWAY.

Then about two hundred thousand Government, Japanese and puppet troops began their attacks and seized eight big towns and over one hundred townships and villages from which the Communists withdrew "in order to avoid a large-scale conflict."

Despite the "conciliatory policy" of the Communists, the statement continued, Government forces pushed on with the clear intention of fighting their way to Peiping.

Nevertheless, all railroad stations between Tzhesien in Southern Honan and Shihchiachung, important railway junction, were in the hands of the Communists.

ANYANG MOVE The statement asserted that one regiment of Government troops was transported by air from Chengchow at the junction of the Peiping, Hankow and Lunghai railroads to relieve the puppet forces at Anyang in North Hunan, one of the towns from which the communists had previously withdrawn.

Government forces, the statement said, were now attacking the communist held railroad town of Nantan, North Tzhesien.

The statement then dwelt on atrocities alleged to have been committed by Government troops who, among other things, were accused of burning, skinning alive, burying alive and beheading sixty-one persons in one village. The statement added: "Not a few women who were raped committed suicide from shame."

The statement contrasted this with the alleged good behaviour of Communist troops withdrawing from their positions South of the Yangtze. They described the enthusiastic welcome they received everywhere on their march and how on one occasion they were showered with food and gifts most of which they declined with thanks.

"GENERAL OFFENSIVE" The statement asserted that the government forces in Western Honan began "a general offensive" on October 14th.

Fighting, it said, had been raging since then with the Communists resisting in self-defence and suffering heavy casualties.

Among the successes which the Communists listed in Eastern Honan up to October 17th was the capture of "one aerodrome, one coal mine and several copper mines."

The statement indicated that communists were at many points attacking undisarmed Japanese troops and puppet forces.

YEN HSI-SHAN'S REPORT Chungking, Nov. 1. The Shansi Governor-General Yen Hsi-shan reports that one hundred thousand communist troops are attacking Tatung, the Shansi railway junction. General Yen has ordered his troops in Tatung to fight to the death. He asserted that his reports indicated that the communists in Tatung were manned by officers like Inner-Mongolians.

A communist spokesman turned the allegation as "Kuomintang propaganda trying to imply we are getting Russian support so that Chiang Kai-shek can appeal for American help."

Associated Press.

CHU TEH ACUSED Chungking, Nov. 1. In an authoritative report issued by Marshal Von Hsueh-shan Governor of Shansi Province, it is stated that he was recently informed that General Chu Teh, the Commander-in-Chief of the Communist Army, was directing

operations from his Field Headquarters.

The Marshal said that Tatung was "in great danger." Provincial troops who were to be dispersed to bolster defence would have to rely on what the Central Government could muster.

According to his observers, Communist tanks were manned "by men dressed like Outer-Mongolians."

RED RETORT An official of the Communist Headquarters here, when asked about the tank story, said: "It is the first we have ever heard about it. Probably the Kuomintang propagandists are trying to infer that we are getting Russian support so that they can claim American help."

A Communist spokesman added: "We learn that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's own crack troops will be sent to Shansi and Suiyuan very soon."

The country round Tatung, which is a strategic junction on the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway, is reputed to have the richest coal deposits in China.

Reuter.

RELIEF RATION SCHEME

HONG KONG PEOPLE NOW TAKING THEIR RATIONS UNDER THE D.B.R. BASIC RATIONS SCHEME SPEAK GLOWINGLY OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPROVED SERVICE AND OF THE MUCH IMPROVED QUALITY OF THE RATIONS SUPPLIED.

The new Distribution Depot is at No. 6, Chater Road, and is visited daily by a fairly large number of people after the daily bread ration of 12 oz.

The weekly ration consists of the following items:

Sugar, 1 lb.; Milk, two tins (condensed); Butter, one 1-lb. tin (every two weeks); coconut oil (every two weeks); salt, 2 oz.; corn, 3 oz.; tea, 3 oz.; salt, 2 oz.; corn, 3 oz.; two 12-oz. tins; fruit, 4 oz. dehydrated apricots; flour, 8 oz.

All the rations now are of the best quality possible, and early grouches on this point have given way to smiles and satisfaction.

Sugar Fines Sequel

Chinese grocery stores yesterday were refusing to sell white sugar at the Government controlled price of \$2.55 a catty. Explanation was that there were no stocks available.

A price was reluctantly submitted by one shop on a one-lb. packet of Talkoo cube sugar, not very prominently displayed.

A tour of the length of the shop section of Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road, up to Central Market, proved fruitless where search for sugar was concerned.

Brown sugar slabs have been maintained a steady price of H.K.\$1.20 a catty over several days.

ROYAL SOCIETY HONOURS MR. CHURCHILL

LONDON, NOV. 1. Mr. Churchill was today presented with the Royal Gold Medal by the Royal Society, at a ceremony in which the ex-Prime Minister was described as "the greatest Englishman of our day, perhaps of any day."

Reuter.

TOO EXPLOSIVE?

LONDON, NOV. 1. The Ottawa Radio said that Mr. O. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions, declined to comment to-night on President Truman's statement that Britain and Canada hold the secret of the atomic bomb.

"I do not care to answer that question," Mr. Howe said.

Reuter.

MANILA MASSACRES

MANILA, NOV. 1. AT LEAST 800 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE BUTCHERED BY THE JAPANESE IN A MASSACRE FOR WHICH CANDY AND ASSURANCES OF SAFETY WERE USED AS BAIT FOR LURING THE VICTIMS, WITNESSES TESTIFIED IN THE THIRD DAY OF GENERAL YAMASHITA'S WAR CRIMES TRIAL.

WITNESSES SAID THE JAPANESE TOLD THEM TO TAKE THEIR FAMILIES TO ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE FOR SAFETY DURING THE FIGHTING IN MANILA.

They said the Nipponese jammed 1,000 civilians into the dining hall, offered them candy and drinks, and when the women and children surged toward the refreshments, the Japanese set off bombs suspended from the ceiling. Later they blasted the victims with hand grenades.

Yamashita, charged with responsibility for the actions of soldiers under his command, was drowsy during the testimony and his head nodded.

A Manila undertaker testified that between February 3 and March 31, he took part in collecting and burying more than 8,000 bodies, mostly civilians.

The presiding officer announced that today's hearing will be closed to the press and public. It will be closed while women witnesses describe in detail the raping and other maltreatment at the hands of the Japanese.

The St. Paul's massacre occurred on February 9 as American forces were battering their way through the city.

OTHER ATROCITIES Thirteen-year-old Winfred Coloma testified he was eating candy when the bombs exploded. He said his mother, two sisters and his brother were killed. He ran outside and saw Japanese machine-gunning people in the street.

Father Manuel Garcia said he found six priests dead in the river near San Marcelino church, their hands tied and their bodies face down in the water. The gardener of a church told of 17 persons in a nearby air raid shelter being lined up and bayoneted by the Japanese.

Associated Press.

LONDON CROWDED

LONDON, NOV. 1. PEOPLE TO THE PROVINCES ARE ASKED TO KEEP OUT OF LONDON DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

Reasons: hotel accommodation is so limited there is not sufficient room for overseas delegates who are now beginning to arrive for big conferences and for holiday-makers from all over England, Wales and Scotland.

George Tomlinson, Works Minister, said in the House of Commons yesterday that demands on hotel accommodation in central London, especially during the next few months, are likely to be heavy. He hoped none would book accommodation unless it was essential and that visitors would cut their holidays short.

A "Daily Mail" reporter telephoned more than a dozen West End and central London hotels in search of accommodation. Always the answer was the same: "Sorry, we are booked up for weeks ahead."

Reuter.

Russia Will Participate

WASHINGTON, NOV. 1. PRESIDENT TRUMAN EXPECTS THAT RUSSIA WILL PARTICIPATE SOON IN THE FAR EASTERN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETINGS TO CONSIDER THE JAPANESE CONTROL POLICY.

The President told newsmen that he had received a very satisfactory reply from Stalin to a letter which the American Ambassador Evvard Harriman recently delivered to the Soviet Generalissimo at his vacation retreat in Crimea.

The President said that for certain reasons the reply could not be made public now.

When Secretary of State Byrnes was asked whether the Advisory Commission to begin next Tuesday would include Russia, he said that even if Russia does not join, he would expect it to go ahead with its work.

Associated Press.

ANOTHER COUP IN SOUTH AMERICA?

Caracas, Nov. 1. A broadcast heard from a clandestine wireless station, apparently in Santa Domingo, reported a revolutionary movement there.

Rumours that President Rafael Trujillo Molina, head of the Dominican Republic, has been killed are not confirmed.

Reuter.

Frankfurt, Germany, Nov. 1. More than 600 persons were arrested here yesterday in the blackest raid yet against black market.

Associated Press.



## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)

## CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## POSTAL SECTION

Parcels are now accepted at Hong Kong and Kowloon Post Offices for the following countries, at 1941 rates:—

United Kingdom, Canada, India, Australia, New Zealand, China & Malaya.

Such parcels will be forwarded by surface mail as opportunity offers and may be subject to heavy delay in Hong Kong.

Parcels addressed to other countries cannot be accepted at present.

H. J. HARRIS,  
S. O. II.

Posts & Telegraphs.

1st November, 1945.

## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG

## MILITARY COURTS

## PROCLAMATION NO. 8

## ARTICLE NO. 8

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article No. 8 of the above-mentioned Proclamation, I, DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, do hereby authorise:—

MR. KWAN CHO YU

to hold a Summary Military Court, Class I, sitting alone.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND at HONGKONG this 30th day of October, 1945.

D. M. MACDOUGALL,

Brigadier

Chief Civil Affairs Officer

## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG

## DEPARTMENT OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

## TRADE RETURNS

The Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Office will open on November 1st and the office will be situated in the Fire Brigade Building.

The general procedure will be on lines similar to those in operation in 1941 but, on account of the fact the information concerning the Import and Export of goods is required at the earliest possible moment, the time limit of seven days in which to declare the import or export of goods has been reduced to 48 hours. There are other modifications which have been announced by Proclamation.

Manifests and Declarations must be handed in at the office on the ground floor of the Fire Brigade Building and all other matters will be dealt with on the second floor.

H. A. TAYLOR,

Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

1st October, 1945.

## NOTICE

## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

## POLICE BRANCH CIVIL AFFAIRS

The Office of the Commissioner of Police and the Police Accountant have been removed from the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building to the New Oriental Building—Cannagh Road—(Next to Butterfield & Swire's Office).

Telephone Numbers:—

Col. C.H. Sansom—Office - 39574  
Col. C.H. Sansom—Residence—24816  
Mr. K.A. Bidmead—Office - 39587  
Mr. K.A. Bidmead—Residence—26179  
Police Accountant - 39588  
Police Secretary - 39591

O. H. SANBOM,

Col. C. A. (S)

Commissioner of Police.

27th October, 1945.

## MASONIC HALL

Queen's Road Central, 2nd floor.  
(Entrance—Jas. Burt's Alley)

Will all Freemasons at present in the Colony (including service brethren) please register with the Secretary in rooms 3 and 4 p.m. any day except Wednesday and Sunday.

## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## PILLAR BOXES

The Public are again warned not to post letters in Pillar Boxes until further notice.

H. J. HARRIS,  
D.A.D.C.A. (P. & T.)

1st November, 1945.

## TENDERS

Tenders are invited for laundry work for a Military Unit of 80 men, situated at VICTORIA HONG KONG.

## TWO WEEKLY

Tenders to be submitted to Air Formation Signals, 1.4 Waterloo Road, KOWLOON not later than Monday, 5th November, 1945.

## HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

## NOTICE

The Company is now in a position to resume operation on King's Road over part of the Causeway Bay-Shaukiwan route.

As from Saturday, 3rd November, a 10 minute service will commence from Ming Yuen, King's Road, to Western Market.

W. F. SIMMONS

Acting General Manager

2nd November, 1945.

## MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, KOWLOON.

## MOTOR VEHICLES

All persons in possession of motor vehicles, whether in running condition or not, which are not yet registered with the Military Administration, Kowloon, are required to report, before 5th November 1945, particulars and whereabouts of same to the Garrison Combined Services Transport Committee, 2nd Floor China Light & Power Co.'s Offices, Argyle Street, KOWLOON.

Any vehicles discovered to be unregistered after this date will be confiscated.

30th October, 1945.

## REPATRIATION NOTICE No 26

S.S. "EMPIRE CHIFFTAIN" is expected to leave for CANADA on the 6th November.

The undermentioned local civilian repatriates should stand by in readiness to embark and should keep in touch with this office and watch the newspapers.

Mrs. A. H. Compton  
Miss L. Eichenbaum  
Mother St. Benoit  
Sister Ste. Gertrude  
Sister Ste. Rosalie  
Sister St. Marie Assunta  
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. S. Suter & children  
Miss E. M. S. Suter

## FUTURE SAILINGS

It is expected that S.S. "ARAWA" will leave for the United Kingdom about 8th November. A limited number of passengers for MALAYA may be carried by this ship.

A number of passages will be available on Destroyers leaving for Australia between 4th and 6th November. These will be available for MEN only.

## NOTE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

In all cases where members of H.K.V.D.C. or H.K.R.N.V.R. desire repatriation they must apply for passages to Adj. H.K.V.D.C. or O.C., H.K.R.N.V.R., as the case may be, and NOT to this office.

## REPATRIATION OFFICE.

1st November, 1945.

## REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 27.

A limited amount of accommodation on H.M.S. "Imphable", which is expected to leave on Saturday, the 3rd November, will be available for passengers to MANILA. Persons who have registered their names are requested to call at the Repatriation Office, Room No. 312, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, 3rd floor, before NOON to-day (2nd) for further particulars.

Repatriation Office.

2nd November, 1945.

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## MONEY MANIPULATORS

The sudden strengthening of the Hong Kong dollar in the local exchange market—H.K.\$1 now buys N.C.\$135 or more, as against H.K.\$1 equals C.N.\$90 a little over a week ago—reflects a group of operators that the Hong Kong dollar itself is the safest speculation. Partly as a result of trade stagnation and partly other causes, exchange dealing has assumed the character recently of the Colony's most active industry. Holders of large quantities of Chinese National Currency pouring into the Colony, noting the disparity between local quotations for the U.S. Dollar and the rates prevailing in the interior of China, where again rates vary widely as between city and city, have moved swiftly to take advantage of the situation, until today there is, or seems to be, a well-organised traffic. U.S. dollars are bought in Hong Kong, exported to China, sold for National Currency, which is brought again into Hong Kong for the purchase of more U.S. dollars. In the result, the irregularity in rates produces a profit of up to 20 per cent. on each transaction. It is a profitable business, carried on at a relatively small margin of risk at the moment, though there is no telling when the bottom will fall out of the market. It is, however, a not unimportant process, involving a series of transactions, and it has become something of a puzzle to competent observers that a more straightforward speculation has not attracted more attention. For the truth is that, for various reasons—one of them doubtless being the depressing effect of the demand for the American dollar and other foreign currencies—the Hong Kong dollar is notoriously undervalued. On what we might term the market manipulation scale it is to be bought today at about 6d. or 7d. against the official rate of 1s. 3d. When goods begin to appear here, this will automatically adjust itself with a relatively short time-lag. It seems plain, therefore, that buyers of Hong Kong dollars prepared to wait for a few months, may reasonably expect to double their capital. It is an astonishing situation, illustrating the haphazard topsy-turvy state of the money market. It also emphasises once again, if emphasis were needed, that the sooner the banks resume their full normal functions and enter again upon exchange transactions, the sooner is the Colony likely to make headway on the road back to normality.

For nearly four years you have been under the hands of the

SEAMEN PLEAD DRUNKENNESS

The case against four seamen of the s.s. Sannagh was continued before Captain D. L. Strellett yesterday.

Accused are John Clarkin, Peter Davis Stenhouse, Thomas Thewlis and William Hocking. Chief Purser Logan, in evidence, stated that he saw first, third and fourth accused near grating leading to the linen locker, when informed by Vernon Smith, the night watchman. He also identified articles stolen from the store room. Clarkin, in the witness box, said he was drunk and did not remember what actually happened. Stenhouse had nothing to say. Thewlis denied theft, while Hocking said he went ashore to sell a suit, and later had many drinks. He returned to the ship under the influence and did not know how he got to the grating. After taking the defence evidence, Capt. Strellett adjourned the case until to-day.

GUERRILLA IN COURT

Lau Tsun-pui, 20, guerrilla, of No. 73, Argyle Street, was before Mr. Leo D'Almeida at the Standing Military Court yesterday, charged with robbery and possession of arms.

The charges were that defendant, without lawful excuse, did carry arms, while committing an offence of robbery or joining in its commission on October 7, at Kowloon, did rob one Chan Lai-kwan of one platinum wrist watch, one gold finger ring, one jade ring, two jade and gold pins and one gold diamond tie pin, and unlawful possession of a hand grenade.

Mr. A. di Arcuili was for the prosecution, while Mr. F. Zimmerman appeared for the defence. The case was adjourned till Thursday next.

SHOE BLACK SENT TO PRISON

A shoe black, Lai Him, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday, for attempted larceny from Sub-Lieut. Farwell of the U.S. Navy, in Queen's Road Central on Wednesday.

Mr. Kwan remarked that there were too many of these pick-pocket cases, and the Court would impose heavier penalties in future cases.

## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS TO LOCAL CHINESE MERCHANTS

IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY AND GOODWILL THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND LEADING MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG WERE HOSTS AT A DINNER GIVEN AT THE KIN KWOK RESTAURANT TO H.E. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, REAR-ADMIRAL CECIL HARCOURT, AND LEADING MEMBERS OF THE SERVICES AND THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION, YESTERDAY EVENING.

Mr. Tung Chung-wai, the Chairman, in a short speech of welcome, thanked His Excellency and other guests for the honour of their presence, and expressed the strong feeling of friendship and goodwill between the British and the Chinese peoples. He spoke in appreciation of the paternal concern of H.E.'s administration for the welfare of the Chinese of Hong Kong, and in token of their respect and goodwill he presented to the Commander-in-Chief a banner with inscription in English and Chinese, embodying these sentiments.

H.E. Rear-Admiral Cecil Harcourt, in accepting the banner, from Mr. Tung Chung-wai, expressed his warmest thanks for the presentation, which he said he valued particularly for the kindly sentiments expressed therein. He and his fellow officials were gratified to have the opportunity of meeting so many Chinese friends.

## C-IN-C'S SPEECH

Rear-Admiral Harcourt said: I am indeed extremely glad to have had this opportunity of meeting so many members of the Chinese business community because I am realizing more clearly every day the enormously important part played by commerce in the life of Hong Kong. I doubt whether there is any other place in the world where so large a percentage of the population depends for its livelihood on the chances and chances of international trade and, though you are no doubt used to the phenomenon, I must, I think, always re-emphasize the when he stops to consider how this little Colony had in the short space of a hundred years been transformed from a barren rock to one of the greatest ports and most flourishing business centres in the world. It is true, of course, that Hong Kong is blessed with a magnificent natural harbour and that it occupies a key position at the main route into South China, but allowing for this its century of progress was a fine achievement, the credit for which must largely be attributed to the foresight, initiative and industry of its commercial citizens.

Unfortunately the very nature of Hong Kong's prosperity made it peculiarly vulnerable to the hazards of war. War came, and for the last few years the people of Hong Kong have had full measure of bitterness and suffering. PATIENT WAITING For nearly four years you have been under the hands of the aggressors and have had to submit to many indignities and to endure much hardship. Your goods have been taken and your businesses destroyed. You have suffered from want and hunger and have been powerless to help yourselves or others less fortunate even than you. Your lot has indeed been hard for you have had to wait patiently in enforced idleness without the stimulant of action, to see the world crumble around you unable to halt or delay the process of decay. Now all that is past and Hong Kong is free once more, but most of the wounds remain and the condition of the world is such that there is a grave shortage of the medicines needed for a quick recovery. I wish that I could promise you great things in the near future, but I will not insult your intelligence by the assumption of any such easy optimism. We have many difficulties to face and we will need all our courage and our patience to await the solution of some whose remedy does not lie in our own hands.

## RELIEF FIGURES

By this I do not mean that nothing can be done immediately. On the contrary, steps have been and will be taken to deal with the worst forms of distress. It may interest you to know, for instance, that in addition to the subsidizing of rice, which is costing about \$140,000.00 per day the Administration has organised the distribution of free meals of cooked rice or congee to destitute persons all over the Colony. This work has been made possible only by the splendid co-operation of those well-known Chinese charitable institutions, the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals, the Po Leung Kuk and the more recently formed Hong Kong and Kowloon Refugee Relief Association. In the last six weeks approximately 750,000 meals have been served in Hong Kong and Kowloon alone and 434,700 in the New Territories, where the scheme has only been in operation since 6th October. In addition to these free meals a comprehensive system of work relief was put into operation in Hong Kong and Kowloon from the 24th September to the 27th October inclusive. Organized on a district basis, this scheme aimed at providing relief work on light labour for persons who would otherwise have been unemployed. Fifteen thousand (15,000) coolies were employed the first day and by the seventeenth day the number had risen to 30,000, at which figure it remained fairly constant until the end. Including foremen and inspectors the aggregate of the number of persons employed over the whole period was approximately 981,000. A similar scheme which has been in operation in the New Territories since the 6th October gives employment to 3,500 persons daily.

## FURTHER MEASURES

Once again the main burden of organizing the work has fallen on the shoulders of energetic Chinese gentlemen, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those who so freely gave their services. There are under consideration at the moment further measures for providing relief to the poorer classes of our community. They cannot be on so large a scale, but they will help to alleviate some of the more severe cases of distress due to unemployment. I realize, however, that all these measures are palliative only and that the one real solution of our difficulties lies in a speedy resumption of international trade and a rehabilitation of our local industries. Unfortunately, as I have said before, the solution of these problems does not lie wholly in our hands and the supply of shipping and raw materials will be conditioned not by our absolute but by our comparative necessities. One thing, however, I will ask you to remember. The British Government knows what you have gone through in the past and what is your present position. Our problems are being handled with the utmost sympathy and goodwill by the Authorities in London, and I am confident that if we are prepared to face the future with the courage and patience which you have shown in the past the time will not be long delayed when we shall be back on the road to rebuilding a new and, I venture to say, a better Hong Kong.

Among the guests besides Admiral Harcourt were noted Commanders D. H. Everett, Air Commodore B. V. Reynolds, H.E. Major-General F. W. Festing, Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook, Brigadier D. M. MacDonnell, Col. W. M. Thomson and Col. Strickland. The 60 odd hosts included Mr. Tung Chung-wai, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Kwok Ghan, Mr. M. K. Lo, Sir. Shouson Chow, Mr. T. N. Chau, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mr. Li T. Jong, Dr. Arthur Woo, Mr. Ho Kom-tong and Mr. Tang Shiu-kin.

## Harbour Blasts

Numerous heavy explosions were audible yesterday. The Naval Authorities were discharging under water charges in the vicinity of the Naval Dockyard to clear away obstructions.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## Rescued!

Sir,—We feel it our duty to give publicity to an unfortunate incident which took place on the 26th October, 1945. It is only due to the efforts of Commander Basher Watkins of H.M.S. "Wager" that we have arrived in Hong Kong safely.

On the 26th October, our junk "On Lee" left the Chan near Swaboo for Hong Kong, and while on the way the rudder went suddenly completely out of action, with the result that the boat was drifting for over two days. There were over one hundred persons on board besides the usual cargo, and it can be imagined in what a state of anxiety those who were on board found themselves.

Fortunately after about two days' drifting in the open sea, H.M.S. "Wager" arrived and towed us back to Hong Kong safely. Moreover, Chief Commander Basher Watkins not only saved us from being lost at sea, but also supplied food for everybody on board for two days. On behalf of all those who were on board, I wish to thank Chief Commander Basher Watkins for what he did for us at such a trying time.

CHAN HON KWAN.

## GOOD OLD Z.B.W.I

Sir,—Your article of the 31st October entitled "Music Hath Charms" has created quite an amount of aggressive criticism in this Unit. Indeed, there are a very high proportion of Service personnel who appreciate most emphatically the musical standard set by Hong Kong's Broadcasting Station. It is quite obvious that Z.B.W.'s green room is no longer dominated by the so-called classical inclined (a pity it was not so) by virtue of a glance at the programmes now being broadcast, the personal indicating an assorted selection catering for all tastes.

Since the musicianship amongst Service and Civilian occupants of Hong Kong is incapable (so far) of producing the quality required to form an orchestra or present tolerable vocalists over the air, where does the writer hope to obtain his music, except from records? Or do you wish to hear Bing or Sinatra all day long, interspersed with "live shows" of third rate quality, forsaking classical music entirely simply because records are the only present available means whereby we can enjoy our leisure hours of classical masterpieces and artists?

So often is the case that where we music lovers tolerate hours of "swing and jive" etc., yet when there is half an hour of classical music there is immediate uproar and howls from the "swing" fans. They cannot even show the finer points of good breeding, which, assumedly "swing" and its subdivisions fails to create.

Be assured, dear writer, that there are many Civilian and Service alike who never grow tired of Gligi, Tibbett and those world famous artists who no longer remain and whom only records can reveal to life once again. Orchestras are welcomed in the same manner, which provide music of the great composers and international artists.

Carry on Z.B.W.I.

R. A. WYLD.

## WOOD LOOTERS SENTENCED

A 16-year-old Chinese, Tang Yuen-sang, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday, for stealing a plank of wood from Queen's College, on Wednesday.

Defendant admitted the charge. Accused was arrested by Chinese detective, in Circular Path, and admitted stealing the wood from Queen's College, which was badly damaged during the Japanese occupation.

Mr. Kwan said he had warned that this kind of offence would be severely dealt with. However, in view of defendant's youth, a sentence of one month's simple imprisonment would be imposed. Tang Wing and Tang Kwai-tuen were sentenced to three months' hard labour, when charged with a similar offence.

Lieut. Tow, of the Royal Marines, arrested defendants in Wong-chung Gap with three planks of wood in their possession.

One of the features of the Kam Lun Palace Hall at the Ying King Restaurant, which has just been completely re-decorated, is a set of blackwood furniture, an exact copy in every detail of a set presented to His Majesty the King by the former British Ambassador to China, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen.



## Future Status Of Ceylon Discussed

LONDON, NOV. 1. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. GEORGE HALL, ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT A CONSTITUTION FOR CEYLON ON THE GENERAL LINES PROPOSED BY THE SOULSBURY COMMISSION WOULD PROVIDE A WORKABLE BASIS FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROGRESS OF CEYLON.

READING FROM THE WHITE PAPER EMBODYING A STATEMENT OF POLICY BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM IN CEYLON WHICH, HE SAID, WAS BEING PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS AFTERNOON, MR. HALL SAID:

"His Majesty's Government are in sympathy with the desire of the people of Ceylon to advance towards Dominion status, and they are anxious to co-operate with them to that end. With this in mind, His Majesty's Government have reached the conclusion that the constitution on the general lines proposed by the Soulbury Commission will provide a workable basis for constitutional progress in Ceylon.

"Experience of the working of parliamentary institutions in the British Commonwealth has shown that advance to Dominion status has been affected by modifications of the existing constitutions, and by the establishment of conventions which have grown up in actual practice," said Mr. Hall.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, Conservative Member and former Colonial Secretary, then pressed for a debate in the House of Commons on "this very large constitutional change" before it was put into effect.

A PLEDGE  
A pledge to that effect had been given to the House by a predecessor of his at the Colonial Office, and this should be honoured.

Mr. Hall replied: "If, after Mr. Stanley has read the contents of the White Paper, he and those with him still think

that a debate is required, possibly that matter can be discussed if they get in touch with the leader of the House."

When Mr. Stanley insisted that, irrespective of details, a matter of such importance ought to be discussed in the House, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House, said: "I am perfectly willing to consider fairly any point raised through the usual channels, but I am not going to commit myself to the doctrine that because the Government have announced their policy, and even though there is general agreement in the House, there has got to be a debate."

Reuter.

## Brazil's New Government

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 1. General Pedro Aurelio Monteiro, one of the men behind the ouster of President Getulio Vargas, became War Minister in the new government and was sworn in with six other members of President Jose Linhares' cabinet.

Vargas departed quietly with a farewell statement insisting that all his actions during the fifteen years of his presidency were motivated only by desires to improve the welfare of the people and added that time and history would speak for him. "I will not keep hatred or personal animosities," Associated Press.

## AIR LINES TO FAR EAST

Washington, Nov. 1. On the contention that the Pennsylvania Central Airlines Corporation serves the major number of cities interested in Oriental trade, the civil aeronautics board was asked to-day to assign it a North Pacific air route. The corporation proposes to operate across the United States, through Canada to Alaska, thence along the Aleutians to the Far East.

Pan-American airlines previously asked permission to fly its Philippines-China-Japan schedule via the northern route. One board member suggested the possibility of permitting Pan-American to fly nonstop to Manila or some designated Far Eastern point via the northern route. Associated Press.

## CHINA CURRENCY DENIAL

Chungking, Nov. 1. A government spokesman, P. H. Chang, acknowledged to-day that discussions are being held between China and Russia on the exchange rates for the Soviet occupation notes in Manchuria. He denied that Russia had demanded China to pay the entire cost of the Soviet invasion occupation of Manchuria and denied that the Central Government contemplates issuing new currency in China. Associated Press.

## DOCK STRIKE

Liverpool, Nov. 1. While the Dockworkers' National Strike Committee met secretly, the British Press Association said that all dockers may be back at their work by Monday or earlier, although the Committee's decision is not expected to be announced before Friday. Associated Press.

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## Death Sentence

Paris, Nov. 1. The French Court of Justice condemned to death to-day Jean Jouteau, aged 39, news commentator on the Paris radio during the German occupation on charge of intelligence with the enemy. Associated Press.

## Stock Market's Guess

New York, Nov. 1. The announcement of President Truman's wage-price policy was taken in its stride by the New York Stock market and utilities, rails and selected industrial shares advanced one to three dollars a share with a few climbing ten dollars.

The buying revival was attributed partly to the idea that price increase ultimately would follow mounting the pay rates. Wall Street read inflationary implications in the Truman policy. The turn-over was around two million shares, the largest in four months.

The Associated Press index of sixty stocks was at 72.6 up 1.1, with 30 industrial shares at 96.4 up 1.2, 15 railroads 44.4 up .09. The foreign exchange market was unchanged except the Canadian dollar which was quoted at 91-1/4. Cotton futures were 30 cents a bale lower to ten higher. Associated Press.

## JAP LABOUR ACTIVITY

Tokyo, Nov. 1. The trend toward a democratic State has reached the ranks of Japanese labour, a headquarters summary said to-day. With the conservative Japanese trade congress and left-wing national council of Japanese labour unions in agreement, labour leaders announced they would sponsor a meeting on Friday to create a Socialist party. Indications were that labour would depend upon a united political front to further its aims. Labour officials are drafting legislation to legalize labour unions. Associated Press.

London, Nov. 1. The Dutch radio to-day reported the Netherlands parliament had ratified the United Nations charter. Associated Press.

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"Though I regret that some hardship may have been caused in individual cases, I do not think it is possible for the Commanders overseas, to make exceptions in favour of these officers to the rule which excludes leave from overseas theatres to those who are to be released within the space of a few months.

"In cases of extreme hardship, it is open to officers concerned to apply for compassionate reversion to the United Kingdom or, if necessary, for release under Class 'C'.

"There has been no hold-up in the demobilisation of other ranks in the Central Mediterranean Force, except in a very few isolated cases," the War Minister concluded.—Reuter.

## Sino-Russian Agreement

Chungking, Nov. 1.

The Soviet and Chinese military authorities have agreed on arrangements for the landing of Chinese troops in Manchuria, an official despatch from Chungking reported on Wednesday.

Discussions preceding the arrangements were conducted in a most cordial atmosphere, the report said.

The despatch also stated that Chiang Chen-kuo, son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek took part in the conference.—Associated Press.

## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONGKONG)

## NOTICE

## MEDICAL BRANCH (C.A.)

Notice is hereby given that all burials in Sections A, B, C and T of Kai Lung Wan East Cemetery in the year 1939 will be exhumed by the C.A.A. Medical Branch commencing Wednesday, 7th November, 1945.

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J. P. FEHILY  
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Hong Kong

30th October, 1945.

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# Britain Urged To Seek War Debt Reduction

## Commando Team Beats Chinese XI

ALTHOUGH LI WAI-TONG, HONG KONG'S SOCCER IDOL, WAS OUT IN THE CHINESE COMBINED XI AND GAVE A CLASSIC DISPLAY, THOUGH SLOWER THAN OF OLD, 44 R.M. COMMANDO DEFEATED THEM BY SIX CLEAR GOALS AT THE CLUB DE RECREO YESTERDAY.

The score flattered the Commando in some respects, though they were the better all-round team and their snap-shooting merited goals. The Chinese XI gave a display of neat football with good combination, but they dilapidated the goalmouth and many good chances went astray. Li Wai-tong and his left-wing partner ranked as the most enterprising players on the field, but the right wing was below par.

More than 6,000 spectators saw a spirited match, clean and contested in good spirit, among them Rear-Admiral Cecil Harcourt, the C-in-C, who inspected the teams while the 42 Commando band played prior to the commencement.

The Commandos scored three times in each half, through Mellor in the 12th minute, and Lt. Jack in the 22nd, the third goal before the interval being deflected past Chu by one of his own side. After the interval, the Chinese XI pressed hard for the better part of 20 minutes and Wilkes was kept busy in the Commando goalmouth, but Commandos ultimately re-assumed command of the play and Mellor, Simms and Lt. Jacks netted, the last-named with a perfect opportunist shot giving Chu no chance.

44 Commando proved themselves efficient and effective, explaining why they have only been beaten once in the last two years. The collection was H.K.\$5,000, and the football was sold for H.K.\$600 at auction. The proceeds will be donated to China Relief.

## Eisenhower's Broadcast

New York, Nov. 1. General Eisenhower, broadcasting from Wiesbaden, Germany, to the "New York Herald-Tribune" forum said last night that international co-operation must meet the challenge of "suspicion, hunger, privation, fear of disease and fear of death" or face world chaos. Reporting on the progress of the military government of Germany he said, "There has been friendliness, understanding and consideration in solving problems" although each member of the Control Council naturally is called upon "to uphold firmly the views and interests of his own country." — Associated Press.

## SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL

London, Nov. 1. Scotland's soccer team to meet Wales in the International at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on November 24 will be: Brown (Queen's Park), McPhee (Falkirk), Shaw (Rangers), Campbell (Morton), Paton (Motherwell), Paterson (Glenhead), Waddell (Rangers), Smith (Hibernians), Dodds (Blackpool), Beakins (St. Mirren).

Scotland have made wholesale changes from their last team, which was trounced 6-1 by England at Hampden Park. There is an entirely new half-back line and two new backs. Young players and experienced men are blended in the selected side. All but two have previously played for their country, the two new caps being the centre-half, Paton, and right back, McPhee, who have earned their places by consistent play this season. — Reuters.

## GERMAN YOUTH RESTLESS

Frankfurt, Nov. 1. Reports that General Eisenhower, in his report to Washington that discontent among the Germans showed signs of developing into organized uprising against the American Forces, are exaggerated, it was learned in Frankfurt to-day.

The report actually spoke only of "local and relatively unimportant incidents" and "increasing restlessness on the part of German youths." — Reuters.

LONDON, NOV. 1. THE "NEWS CHRONICLE" CITY EDITOR WARNS THAT BRITAIN SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE AT ONCE THAT SHE HAS NO REAL PROSPECTS OF DISCHARGING HER OVERSEAS STERLING WAR DEBTS IN FULL, AND SHOULD NEGOTIATE REDUCTION OF THEM TO A LEVEL WHEREAT ACCEPTABLE TERMS WOULD GO FAR TOWARDS ACHIEVING A SOLUTION TO THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF COUNTRIES WHICH HOLD STERLING BALANCES, BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Amery (Mr. Amery was Mr. Churchill's Secretary of State for India and is a strong advocate of Empire preference) argued in the "Sunday Times" that this so-called sterling debt is nowise comparable to gold or foreign currency debt.

It is only a general obligation to take back as legal tender in payment for British goods sterling which Britain or other sterling area countries can supply, but the "News Chronicle" remarks that such supplies from other sterling area countries would only alter the identity of Britain's creditor and would not reduce Britain's debt.

### JOINS ISSUE

Mr. Amery argued that sterling debts could become the basis for stimulating trade within the sterling area, since India, for example, wants to buy British capital goods while Britain wants to buy Indian materials and foods.

Since Britain's dollar purchases must be economised her sterling purchases may for some time exceed British sales to the sterling area (which means these sterling balances would continue to grow) and ultimate liquidation of Britain's sterling obligations "may take an almost indefinite time."

The "News Chronicle" says all this is merely a cloak for securing more credit from the

Empire instead of from the United States.

### MEANINGLESS

Mr. Amery further argued that any suggestion of repudiation or of Britain's inability to discharge any debt in full would be disastrous, but the "News Chronicle" asks, would India or Egypt's inability to use their indefinite time be a discharge sterling balances for an almost in full? Moreover, without any scaling down of these balances, sterling prices might rise sharply.

Without funding, scaling down seems meaningless. If these debts are funded the "News Chronicle" seems right but if not funded, then Mr. Amery seems right. British officials do not appear interested in funding them—anyway unless the Washington talks achieve a much more fundamental solution than any present reports suggest. — Reuters.

## Fate Of Japan's Shipping

Washington, Nov. 1. Mr. James Byrnes, U.S. Secretary of State, indicated that although the method of scuttling Japanese warships had not yet been determined the ships might be used for experiments with atomic bombs.

There was no agreement on the disposition of Japanese merchant vessels because all were needed to transport Japanese troops back to their homeland.

The British allotment of Japanese vessels included the whole of the Commonwealth. Mr. Byrnes made no comment as to the future of German ships but added that the disposition of Italian ships would be provided for under the Peace Treaty.

Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet, stated earlier this week that Japanese as well as German vessels would be used by the American Navy in two atom bomb tests, in which one bomb would be exploded on the surface and one under water, to determine the bomb's effect in naval warfare. — Reuters.

## Japanese War Crimes Trials

Honolulu, Nov. 1. John C. MacCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, said that a machinery has been set up for trials of war criminals in Japan and that hearings will soon get under way.

"The trials of those in higher categories—those accused of crimes against more than one allied power—will be conducted later.

Atrocities in Germany and Japan were about on a par." — Associated Press.

## REPATRIATION OF TROOPS

London, Nov. 1. The release of more converted R.A.F. bombers and the extension of transit camp accommodation at Middle East landing fields is expected to increase the rate of repatriation of troops from India, the Far East, and the Middle East, under the air-transport scheme.

The air scheme is still supplementary to troopship by sea which, it is hoped, will also be speeded up by the release of the Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Aquitania. — Reuters.

Chicago, Nov. 1. The American voluntary medical association announced to-day that a special United States voluntary mission will establish modern courses in livestock disease prevention in China. — Associated Press.

London, Nov. 1. E.B.C. reported to-day the death of Wincenty Witon, deputy to the president of the Polish national council. The peasant party leader died in Krakow. — Associated Press.

## No Luxury Houses

London, Nov. 1. The Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, speaking at the Congress of Building Industries National Council here to-day, said: "I am not going to allow the building of luxury houses while poor people have no shelter over their head."

"I believe the main source for our housing programme will be the traditional type of buildings but the whole programme depends on the progressive auction of building costs. In five or six years time we shall be judged not only by the number of houses we have built but the standard of the houses." — Reuters.

## Berlin's Black Market

BERLIN, NOV. 1. AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN BERLIN ARE SENDING CASH HOME AT THE RATE OF \$250,000 A DAY IN A RUSH TO THE IMPENDING RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFERS TO COMMENCE ABOUT NOVEMBER 10TH.

Dozens sleep in front of the Army Post-Office money order windows in order to be the first in line in the morning with flatfuls of occupation money, mostly of Russian origin.

On Berlin's black-market, Russians and Germans are paying fantastic prices for American cigarettes, soap, and chocolate bars. — Associated Press.

## Mr. Bevin Still Shows Concern

LONDON, NOV. 1. BRITAIN'S LABOUR PARTY HAS ENDORSED PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S NEW 12-POINT FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAMME FOR WORLD PEACE AND ADVOCATES INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS INSTEAD OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL PACTS. IN ACCEPTING THE PLAN OUTLINED IN MR. TRUMAN'S NAVY DAY ADDRESS, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ERNEST BEVIN, TOLD THE COMMONS THAT AMERICAN POLICY WOULD PROVE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE. "THE MORE IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE."

However, during the question period, Bevin reflected grave concern generally over international problems. To the proposal for a western and northern European conference on coordination of economic commercial policies, Bevin said he was committed to the United Nations and that regional pacts should give way to world agreements.

Mr. Bevin also disclosed that Russia had informed Britain that the Soviet Union does not consider that legitimate British interests are affected by the recent Soviet-Hungarian and Soviet-Rumanian trade pacts.

Mr. Bevin also reported that Foreign Commissar Molotov at the recent foreign ministers' council meeting limited Russia's assurance of freedom from

According to a Canadian press survey of Government branches concerned with food exports the British dock strike is having no immediate effect on shipments of Canadian food to Britain and supplies are still moving freely from Canadian ports. — Reuters.

## Jew-Baiter's Request

Nuernberg, Nov. 1. Doctor Hans Marx, lawyer, who was ordered to defend Julius Streicher in the November 20th war crimes trials has protested against the assignment because the anti-Semitic leader imprisoned the attorney in 1936 for his affiliation with freemasonry. Streicher especially asked for Marx to act as his counsel. — Associated Press.

## Occupation Of Japan

WASHINGTON, NOV. 1. RUSSIAN, CHINESE AND BRITISH EMPIRE TROOPS SOON MAY TAKE THEIR PLACE ALONG WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN.

American officials have been discussing for some weeks the best way to arrange for a joint occupation and it is understood that General MacArthur has been kept informed and his views have been taken into account.

Some Washington authorities say that the solution may be found for the forces to be in separate zones.

Speculation here runs to the idea that a four-power Council may be set up in Tokyo with General MacArthur as Chairman casting a deciding voice in case of disagreement. — Associated Press.

## New Consul-General For U.S. Here

THE NEW UNITED STATES CONSUL-GENERAL, MR. GEORGE D. HOPPER, SPENT HIS FIRST FULL DAY YESTERDAY AT THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL AND HAD NOTHING MORE TO SAY ABOUT IT OTHER THAN THAT THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT JOB TO BE TACKLED WAS SIMPLE HOUSE-CLEANING. MR. HOPPER ARRIVED HERE VIA SHANGHAI, BRINGING WITH HIM TWO SECRETARIES TO ASSIST IN THE RE-OPENING OF THE CONSULAR SERVICE HERE. MISS BETTY ZIMMERMAN AND MISS MARGARET PHILLIPS, BOTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ASSIGNED ABROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Mr. Hopper himself has travelled widely on consular work. It is his first appointment in the Far East and he spent the last four years of his service as United States Consul-General at St. John's, Newfoundland.

His consular career has taken him in Stockholm, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Dunkirk, Antwerp, Casablanca, (Chile), Montreal, and after Winnipeg and St. John's, after four years of Newfoundland he had a month's leave in the United States and was then given the choice of Sydney and Hong Kong. Wishing to see something of the Orient, Mr. Hopper decided on Hong Kong.

MET MR. SOUTHWARD In San Francisco, Mr. Hopper told our reporter he had occasion to meet Mr. Addison E. Southard, his predecessor in his present post and a fellow Kentuckian. Mr. and Mrs. Southard are living in San Francisco and have been there since Mr. Southard's retirement from the service on his return from internment in Hong Kong. Mr. Hopper is a Rotarian and is keen on meeting other Rotarians in Hong Kong. He will be visiting the Peak to look over Mr. Southard's official residence but does not think of moving in until his household furniture, which has reached Sydney, catches up with him.

## Soekarno Hears The "Riot Act"

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tionist cause had been greatly hindered by the present turn of events and the spokesmen said the British were anxious that Soekarno would move through the country as much as possible to try and stop the fighting.

The spokesman said that the Indonesian fighters varied from raw youths and old men to soldiers well trained by the Japanese and described the general situation in Java as "very tricky." — Associated Press.

UNDER ORDERS The Dutch News Agency reports that the British warships and planes which have been rushed to Soerabaya will be used to evacuate European children.

Doctor Soekarno has announced that his Indonesian Republic will hold informal talks to-night with Hubertus J. A. J. Van Mook, acting Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies. He spoke over the radio to-night of his efforts to halt further fighting and also disclosed he would fly to Magelang, Central Java, where fighting broke out after the arrival of a small British occupation force.

The British Exchange Telegraph reported that Soekarno is now acting under British orders. — Associated Press.

### EVACUATION SPEED-UP

The Allied authorities have announced plans to speed up the evacuation of liberated Dutch prisoners of war and civilian internees from the Netherlands East Indies.

Within the next few weeks 2,650 prisoners of war will depart for Australia and 3,850 leaving directly for Holland. — Associated Press.

### SOEKARNO BROADCAST

Batavia, Nov. 1. Dr. Soekarno broadcast an appeal last night to Indonesians to stop fighting "and solve all misunderstandings in close co-operation with the allies."

He ordered the cessation of all fighting against the allied forces not only in Soerabaya but also at Magelang.

He said: "There is no reason for us to take up arms against the allied forces. They have come only to disarm and evacuate the Japanese and further to take care of internees and to maintain order in the allied occupation areas." — Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 1. United States Secretary of State Byrnes to-day disclosed that the Italian Axis forces would be released before next Wednesday. — Associated Press.

## CANTON RIVER TRAFFIC THRIVES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

CANTON'S MOST PROFITABLE BUSINESS AT THE MOMENT IS RIVER TRANSPORTATION. THERE MOTOR-BOATS AND TOW-BOATS PLYING BETWEEN CANTON AND ALL THE RIVER PORTS ALONG THE NORTH, EAST, AND WEST RIVERS. SOME OF THESE BOATS ARE MAKING AS MUCH AS \$1,000,000 IN ONE TRIP. BESIDES PASSENGERS THEY CARRY SALT FROM CANTON UP THE RIVERS AND BRING BACK RICE, PEANUT OIL, FIREWOOD AND OTHER NATIVE PRODUCTS.

The passenger fare for the Canton-Wuchow boat is \$5,000, new tow-boat, the Tai Hing, Canton-Chingyuen boat \$2,000. In the weeks following Japan's capitulation when there was a rush back to Canton, there were black market passenger tickets which ran several times higher than present fares.

Travelling on the rivers is still hazardous.

Nearly all the boats are over-loaded.

Several sinkings have been reported.

Bandits still remain at large in the outskirts of Canton. One boat was robbed by river bandits while half-an-hour away from Canton.

Despite the risk and danger involved, however, the tow-boat business continues to expand and new boats are being built.

As traffic between Canton and Hong Kong keeps increasing, a new tow-boat, the Tai Hing, has been added to the Canton-Hong Kong service.

LAND TRANSPORTATION According to Mr. C. C. Ngan, chief of the Kwangtung Provincial Highways Bureau, repair work is in full swing along the following trunk lines, sections of which have now been opened to traffic:

(1) The Canton-Kukong Highway. Two sections—Koon To to Kukong, and Canton to Sun Kung in Chungta Hsien—have already been opened to traffic. Repair work on other sections is being hurried. Labour and material are conscripted from the Hsien governments through whose territories the highway runs.

(2) The Kukong-Hingning Highway. Reconstruction on this road is completed and cars are now running on its entire length. The road surface is still not level and repair work is being continued.

(3) The Canton-Kowloon Highway. Officials investigating the condition of this highway reported that cars can run from Canton to Tungpo, although the cement surface is damaged. Most of the bridges at Tungpo and Tungpo were destroyed. The section from Tungpo to Kowloon is not safe from bandits yet.

(4) The Kukong-Taiyue Highway. The section from Namhung to Shumukwan is open to traffic while reconstruction work on the section from Namhung to Kukong is going on at top speed.

(5) The Hingning-Swatow Highway. Vehicles can run from Meihien to Suikow via Hingning. From Chiu-on to Swatow, cars can temporarily make use of the former railroad track.

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